



# COMMUNITY NEWS

District 1

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## Here's A Great Idea: Light Your Home Effectively



Is \$3 a month an acceptable amount to spend to feel safe in your home? How about 75 cents? If you could cut the cost to \$3 per year, would it be worth it?

Effective lighting has proven to be the only thing that reduces outdoor crime at night. Ever since 1658 when the city of Paris, France tested a streetlight to reduce "larceny," people have felt safer when their homes are lit effectively.

A 100-watt incandescent bulb (standard light bulb) can shine for 10 hours at night for around 10 cents. In a month, this can cost \$3. The light positioned on your home to eliminate dark areas could mean the difference between home safety and theft.

The cost can be reduced by using a 25-watt compact fluorescent light (CFL) bulb that emits the same amount of light as the 100-watt incandescent, but will last 10 times as long at ¼ the price. If a motion sensitive fixture is used, the cost will be reduced even further because the light is only on when motion activates the fixture for a preset number of minutes.

If you park your car on the driveway (not a good idea from a crime prevention standpoint), you can reduce the chance of theft by installing a "dusk to dawn" motion sensor light. Thieves don't know if the person turned on the light or it was automatic. That indecision could be enough to make the thief move on to another target. These fixtures have to be adjusted to make sure small animals and birds don't activate the light.

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## MESSAGE FROM COMMANDER SCOTT POPP

I want to explain how District One is organized, and how the police department delivers uniformed patrol police services.

The Uniformed Services Bureau goals are to:

- Prevent Crime and Disorder
- Respond Promptly to Calls for Service
- Develop Safe Communities through Partnerships
- Enhance Traffic Safety and
- Maintain the integrity, quality, and effectiveness of police services

The district is broken down into seven beats, including the Downtown Overlay. We have nine squads delivering services in this area. On each squad, officers are assigned a beat and report to a sergeant. The sergeants report to one of the four lieutenants in the district. The lieutenants report to me. I also have a Crime Prevention Officer (CPO) Kory Sneed who reports to me. I am ultimately responsible for the delivery of uniformed services south of Chaparral Road.

Together we are responsible for solving issues in this district and committed to working with you to make this the best place to live and work.

Commander Scott Popp

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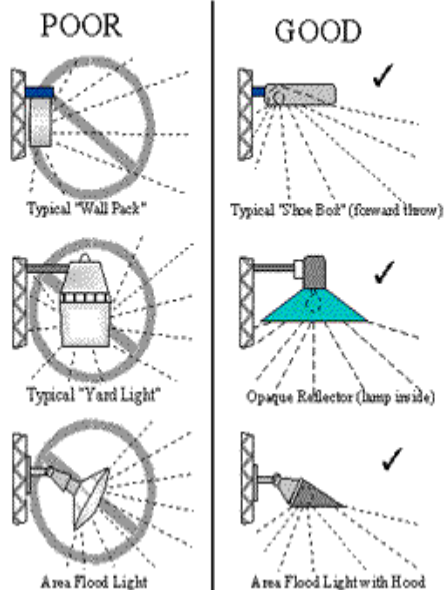
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Please note that light shining without a purpose is not effective for crime prevention nor does it make sense. Lights that illuminate landscaping or shine up a wall may look nice, but do nothing to make the area safer.

Another important consideration is uniformity of the light. If there are pockets of light and then pockets of darkness, you will not feel safer. This is because your eyes must adjust to the varying light levels.

Effective lighting is positioned high (at least 7 feet) and points down to the ground where the light is needed. The globe should not emit glare that blinds the residents. Examples of good light fixtures are found below.

#### EXAMPLES OF SOME COMMON LIGHTING FIXTURES



Incandescent Bulb

vs.



Compact Fluorescent

If you have any questions about crime prevention, please contact Officer Kory Sneed at [ksneed@scottsdaleaz.gov](mailto:ksneed@scottsdaleaz.gov) or (480) 312-0275.

#### Landlord-Tenant Law

The Arizona Multi-Housing Association will be holding a seminar on the "Arizona Landlord and Tenant Act: What it says and how to use it." This seminar may assist any owner with questions regarding the renting of property. The seminar will be:

Chaparral Suites- 5001 N. Scottsdale Rd.

Thursday, Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>, 2007

Registration: 8:30 a.m.

Seminar: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

The cost of the seminar is \$69.00 for non-members of the AMA and \$49.00 for members. Registration can be completed online at: [www.azama.org](http://www.azama.org)

#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

##### Jan. 20

**Scottsdale Estates and Town & Country Neighborhood Door-to-door Event...** City of Scottsdale staff members will be participating in a door-to-door event on Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup>. The event starts at 10:00 a.m. City staff will visit residents from McDowell to Oak, and Scottsdale to Miller roads seeking input about the Scottsdale Revitalization program and concerns about their neighborhood.

##### Jan. 24

**Abracadabra . . .** Join us for a unique special event on Wednesday, Jan. 24 as Craig Davis brings his Comedy, Magic and Juggling Show to the Granite Reef Senior Center. Craig, a professional magician, will dazzle the crowd with comical magic and exceptional juggling feats. The show will begin at 12:30 p.m. in Room 2. Admission for the event is one canned food item, which will support Vista del Camino's Food Bank.

#### The Scottsdale Police Department



#### Wants You!

The Scottsdale Police Department has excellent job opportunities in the following fields:

Police Officer, Police Aide, Communications, Detention Officers, Crime Lab, Records, and Crime Scene Specialists. Visit our website at [www.Scottsdalepd.com](http://www.Scottsdalepd.com) or contact Officer Greg Carlin at 480-312-5384 or e-mail: [gcarlin@scottsdaleaz.gov](mailto:gcarlin@scottsdaleaz.gov).